SHRI KAPIL VERMA: I had also asked about exports.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Can you give figures country-wise for the exports to Bahrain, Japan, France and Czechoslovakia?

SHRI K. C. PANT: Sir, the production and exports are almost synonymous in this case because all this is exported. For 1986-87 exports to Japan are likely to be 2.25 million tonnes; to Bahrain 1 million tonnes. As I said, that has to be finalised. Czechoslovakia was 1.2 lakh tonnes and Yugoslavia about 3 lakh tonnes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Second supplementary.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Sir, I want to point out that in reply to question No. 1052 dated 22nd November, 1985 the Minister had said that the capacity utilisation in 85-86 was expected to be 25 per cent. But now he says it is only 22 per cent. There must be some strong reasons for the fall? What are the reasons. Secondly, what was the loss incurred in last 5 years and what is the profit or loss he expects this year?

SHRI K. C. PANT: Sir, as I said, the estimated capacity utilisation is 24 per cent. It has now been estimated as 24 per cent. Up to February it was 22 per cent. Now, so far as....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Profit and loss.

SHRI K. C. PANT: Sir, in 1985-86, provisional up to February 1986, the loss is Rs. 20.47 crores.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Mr. Chairman, Sir, from part (b) of the reply it is clear that a long term agreement was reached with Iran. I would like to know the terms of the long term agreement, whether there was any clause that in case they do not purchase the required quantity there will be a penalty.

SHRI K. C. PANT: Yes, Sir. The project was in fact tailor-made to supply iron ore concentrate for Iran's steel plant which was under construction and, therefore, the failure of Iran or the inability of Iran to lift the concentrate has led to the lower production, lower capacity utilisation. There is a penalty clause in the agreement, but negotiations are going on with Iran and we will have further consultations. We have to repay them some money which we had withheld. We think that there will have to be consultations between the two countries in this matter.

Amount payable to NDMC by hotels

*183. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:†
SHRI L. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 749 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd November, 1985 and state:

(a) whether the final assessment of dues as lease or licence fee from Akbar Hotel has been calculated by New Delhi Municipal Committee, if not, what are the reasons therefor, and by when it is expected to be calculated;

(b) whether it is a fact that Akbar Hotel is being returned by Indian Tourism Development Corporation to New Delhi Municipal Committee;

(c) whether NDMC propose to assess the dues before taking over the hotel from ITDC, if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any amount has been collected from Meridien Hotel or Bharat Hotel by NDMC as licence fee as on date, if not, what are the reasons therefor?

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†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri V. Gopalsamy.

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) Not yet, Sir. The N.D.M C. have reported that the inspection of accounts for the period ending 31-3-1985 for assessing the dues of licence fee from Akbar Hotel has been completed by them and the inspection report is under examination. As regards the dues for the financial year 1985-86, the same will be finalised after the close of the financial year.

(b) and (c) The matter is under correspondence between the N.D.M.C. and the I.T.D.C.

(d) The N.D.M.C. have reported that an amount of Rs. 268 lakhs from Meridien Hotel and Rs. 145 lakhs from Bharat hotel has been received by them towards one year licence fee in advance. They have granted moratorium to the two hotels from payment of licence fee and the due date for the next payment will fall in September, 1986 for Meridien hotel and November, 1986 for Bharat Hotel.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the hon. Minister, in reply to my question on 22nd November last year, stated that as per the N.D.M.C. calculations, up to 31st March, 1985 the Akbar Hotel owed to the N.D.M.C. Rs. 56,59,378.79. Therefore, it can be estimated what would be the amount due up to now. It would be more than Rs. 2 crores. Ninety days have since passed and now the Minister comes and says that they are still calculating it. Now the Akbar Hotel is going to be handed over to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government is going to give any moratorium to the Akbar Hotel. The I.T.D.C. has become a white elephant. Is it because these N.D.M.C. officials are very often entertained by the I.T.D.C. and that is why they are not serious to collect their dues from the Akbar Hotel? I would like to have a categorical reply from the Minister.

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR: So far as the transfer of the hotel is concerned, the hon. Member might be knowing that the responsibility lies with the N.D.M.C. The N.D.M.C. has given it on lease to the I.T.D.C. Now there is the question of transfer. When it is tranesferred, it will be transferred to the N.D.M.C. and if the External Affairs Ministry wants it, as the report goes, the N.D.M.C. will transfer it to the External Affairs Ministry. Then it is a question of transfer from one department to another department. It does not mean that the whole money will be excused. (Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you interrupt, you will lose your second supplementary.

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR: So far as the question of realisation of licence fee is concerned, the hon. Member should absolutely feel sure that nothing is going to happen. The amount that is due from any of the Department will be fully realised.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the hon. Minister has stated that they have given moratorium to both these hotels. Meridien of Campa Cola and Bharat of Sagar Suri were to function in the year 1982 during ASIAD. So far, they have not started functioning. Meridien Hotel is half ready. Regarding Bharat Hotel, it may not be ready even by 1990. I have calculated the loss of revenue which will be Rs. 736 lakhs in the case of Meridien Hotel and Rs. 390 lakhs in the case of Bharat Hotel. So, this is a huge loss to the Government which is public money. I would like to know from the Minister as to why you have given moratorium to these two hotels. They are run by the people who are very close to your head-quarters, they are very close to your political bosses in Delhi, they have got their god fathers in Delhi and that is why you have given the moratorium. I would like to know for what reasons you have given this moratorium.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gopalsamy, you should ask the question: Is it so that moratorium was given because of this?

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: I am framing it, Sir. Is it because they are very close to the political god fathers that the moratorium was given?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Otherwise, you have given the answer.

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR: Thanks to the Member for bringing this information to me. You should be fully assured that I have not seen even the face of this gentleman who is the owner of this Meridien Hotel up till now. Secondly, absolutely there was nothing like that. The whole thing was that the hotel was to be completed during the ASIAD period and he did not complete it. As far as the question of licence fee is concerned, the Government made a claim that you pay the amount....

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Moratorium was given.

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR: Moratorium was given only for facilitating that they should pay the whole amount. If they say that the hotel is not working and we have invested large amount in this hotel, you should realise that once we cancel the licence, then they apply saying that as we have invested so much money and if you are going to realise in one lumpsum, we cannot give. Therefore, we gave them moratorium and said. all right, do it in easy instalments. And there is nothing that we are going to excuse them simply because they have invested a huge amount.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Ten crores of rupees...

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, Mr. Gopalsamy. You have had two supplementaries.

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR: Supposing not ten crores of rupees but it may be Rs. 100 crores. And the man ..(*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Minister...

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR: I am just explaining to him.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have told every Minister that you please do not reply to the interruption and please address the Chair. You will be diverted unnecessarily. Now, Mr. Laxmi Narain.

SHRI LAXMI NARAIN: Mr. Chairman, Sir, will the Minister be pleased to state that (a) there is no political boss, and (b) that this is an administrative decision and not a political decision?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Is he the Minister?

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR: Sir, what the hon. Member has said is perfectly correct.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 184.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Sir, you take up Question No. 184 and Question No. 200 together. It is the same subject.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Just a minute. I have some objection to taking the two Questions together. If I take the two Questions together, I will allow only one supplementary for the second Question. You know, Mr. Kalmadi the other day raised the point..

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: I agree, to that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 200 is not the same. I will allow only Question No. 184.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: He asked for the current year. I asked for two years.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is my decision. Question No. 184 please.